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SUBJECT: RUSSIA RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS UNDER
CARTAGENA PROTOCOL

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On February 11, post delivered reftel talking points to Counselor Vladimir Linev of the MFA International Organizations Department. Linev responded that, as Russia is not party to the Cartagena Protocol, Russian delegates will not participate in the February 23-27 meetings in Mexico City. He added that the GOR has not decided on the lead agency for Cartagena Protocol issues. However, he appreciated receiving the USG points to better prepare for the October 2010 meeting in Japan, where Russia plans to participate. Linev advised us to seek a meeting with MFA three to four months before the Japan meeting to develop a joint approach. He warned, however, that because Russian legislation on these issues is very strict, Russia is more likely to support the EU rather than the U.S. position.

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